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1. Troops and canvas-covered guns arrived in the Rerik (M 55/0 51) area during the nights between 25 April 1950 and 26 May 1950. Tanks were not observed with the troops. Large Volkspolizei detachments patrolled the streets of Rerik as the troops moved through.
2. With the exception of some German women who were kitchen helpers, all German workers had been removed from the peninsula, although the buildings which were planned had not been completed.
3. After the arrival of troops AAA firing practice was observed for the first time. An aircraft towing a colored sleeve target or a balloon flew over the peninsula. The high level of detonations indicated that the guns were of heavy caliber.
4. A German woman employed in a Soviet kitchen said that 10,000 to 12,000 troops were stationed on the peninsula, while the nearby population spoke of 25,000 troops.
5. A soldier from Rerik who dumped timber in Neubukow (M 55/0 51) on 18 May 1950 said that he and his fellow soldiers came from the Belorussian SSR and were 20 to 24 years of age. He said that he had just recently come to Germany. He stated that some of the troops were billeted in tents since the capacity of the houses and newly constructed cantonment buildings on the peninsula did not meet the requirements.

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6. Trucks observed on the peninsula on 18 May 1950

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7. A German tailor learned that Soviet troops had been de-trained in Neubukow on 30 April and 1 May 1950.
8. Eight thousand sets of underwear belonging to Soviet troops in Rerik were turned in at the Niemetz laundry, Rostock, on 8 May 1950.
9. An AAA unit with four-barreled AA guns moved along the Doberan-Rerik road, toward Rerik, on 29 April 1950. Doberan residents said that about 4,000 troops had gone toward Rerik between 20 and 29 April 1950. All troops had closely cropped hair and were equipped with 37-mm AA guns. **

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? No AAA Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army
 ? No AAA Div, possibly 6th Gds, of the GCGC
 ? No AAA Div, possibly 32d, of the GCGC.
 ? No AAA Regt, possibly 2505th, of the 21st
 Gds Mecz div. 25X1A
 3rd Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Arty. 25X1A
 31st gds AAA Div of the Second gds Mecz Army. 25X1A
 ? No AAA Regt, possibly 120th, of the 6th 25X1A
 Gds Mecz Div. 25X1A
 4th Gds AAA div of the First Gds Mecz Army. 25X1A
 13th AAA div of the eighth gds Army.

Elements of the following units, whose motor vehicles have
 but whose departure from 25X1A
 their home stations was reported, could possibly also be on
 the Wustrow Peninsula: ? No AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz
 Army from Frankfurt/Oder and Fuerstenwalde, departing
 between 22 April and 7 June 1950; 287th Gds AAA Regt of the
 7th Gds Tank div, truck convoy heading north on 5 May 1950;
 and unknown AAA units from Schwerin, departing for Wustrow
 on 8 April 1950.

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 comment. The report confirms that the AAA Division of the GOFG and of the armies, and the organic AAA units of the divisions, are holding summer firing practice on the Wustrow Peninsula. The troops on the peninsula during the first half of May 1950 are estimated at 8,000 to 10,000 men.

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